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PROGRAM OF WORK ON FULL RANGE OF ISSUES

TEXT OF G-77 PROPOSAL, SUBMITTED MARCH 9 AS CONERENCE
ROOM PAPER NO. 2, FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

PROGRAMME OF WORK ON THE FULL RANGE OF ISSUES
RELATING TO TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS, SUBMITTED
BY THE GROUP OF 77

1. I PARAGRAPH 7 OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION
1913 (LVII) OF 5 DECEMBER 1974, THE COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL
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CORPORATIONS WAS REQUESTED TO SUBMIT A DETAILED PROGRAMME OF

WORK CONCERNING THE WHOLE RANGE OF ISSUES RELATED TO TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS TO THE COUNCIL AT ITS SIXTIETH SESSION. THE COMMISSION, TAKING FULLY INTO ACCOUNT GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 3201 (S-VI) AND 3202 (S-VI) OF 1 MAY 1974 ON THE DECLARATION AND THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, IN PARTICULAR THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS, AND RESOLUTION 3281 (XXIX) OF 12 DECEMBER 1974 ON THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES, AND GIVING DUE REGARD TO THE GUIDELINES CONTAINED IN THOSE RESOLUTIONS, HAS NOW FORMULATED A DETAILED PROGRAMME OF WORK AND SUBMITS IT HERewith TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL FOR ITS CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL AT ITS SIXTY-FIRST SESSION.

2. THE COMMISSION EXPRESSED ITS SATISFACTION THAT THE INFORMATION AND RESEARCH CENTER ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS HAS NOW BEEN ESTABLISHED AND STARTED ITS WORK. IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE CENTRE TO IMPLEMENT ITS PROGRAMME OR WORK EXPEDITIOUSLY, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEEDS OF THE COMMISSION, THE COMMISSION EXPRESSED THE DESIRE THAT THE MANPOWER AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES OF THE CENTRE BE ADEQUATELY STRENGTHENED.

A. AREAS OF CONCERN REGARDING THE ACTIVITIES
OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

3. IT IS OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE THAT THE AREAS OF CONCERN REGARDING THE ACTIVITIES OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS BE CLEARLY ENUNCIATED SO THAT THE COMMISSION AND THE INFORMATION AND RESEARCH CENTRE ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS COULD SERVE THE INTERESTS OF ALL STATES CONCERNED WITH THE FULL RANGE OF ISSUES RELATING TO TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS, AND IN PARTICULAR THE SUBJECT OF THE REGULATION AND SUPERVISION OF THEIR ACTIVITIES.

4. THE COMMISSION TOOK NOTE OF AREAS OF CONCERN IDENTIFIED IN A PRELIMINARY FORM IN ANNEXES I, II AND III TO THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON ITS FIRST SESSION (REPRODUCED AS ANNEXES I, II AND III TO THIS DOCUMENT); IN DOCUMENT E/C.10/L.2 (REPRODUCED AS ANNEX IV TO THIS DOCUMENT), AND IN GENERAL UNCLASSIFIED

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ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3514 (XXX). THE COMMISSION EXPECTED THAT THE PRELIMINARY IDENTIFICATION SHOULD LEAD, THROUGH FUTURE CONSULTATIONS AND REVISIONS, TO THE IDENTIFICATION OF AREAS OF CONCERN AGREEABLE TO ALL ITS MEMBERS.

B. PROGRAMME OF WORK

SCOPE OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK

5. THE PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COMMISSION SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON THE FOLLOWING FIVE AREAS:

(A) WORK FOR THE PURPOSE OF FORMULATING A CODE OF CONDUCT;

(B) ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION SYSTEM;

(C) RESEARCH ON THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL EFFECTS OF THE OPERATIONS AND PRACTICES OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS;

(D) ORGANIZATION AND CO-ORDINATION, AT THE REQUEST OF GOVERNMENTS, OF TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION PROGRAMMES CONCERNING TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS;

(E) WORK LEADING TO A DEFINITION OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

6. IN PURSUANCE OF THE GUIDELINES CONVEYED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL IN PARAGRAPH 7 OF ITS RESOLUTION 1913 (LVII) IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHICH THE DETAILED PROGRAMME OF WORK SHOULD INCLUDE A STATEMENT OF ITS PROPOSED PRIORITIES, THE COMMISSION HAS SELECTED SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES FOR PRIORITY ATTENTION.

7. THE FORMULATION OF A CODE OF CONDUCT SHOULD BE ASSIGNED THE HIGHEST PRIORITY AMONG THE VARIOUS TASKS INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COMMISSION. WORK ON THE OTHER FOUR AREAS SHOULD PROCEED CONCURRENTLY.

(A) PROCEDURE FOR THE FORMULATION OF A CODE OF CONDUCT

8. THE COMMISSION SHOULD ESTABLISH AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP ON THE CODE OF CONDUCT, COMPOSED OF APPROXIMATELY HALF OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AND WITH THE SAME GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION AS THAT OF THE COMMISSION. THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL
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WORKING GROUP WOULD BE OPEN TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS WORK AND WOULD MEET INTERSESSIONALLY.

9. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WOULD INVITE ALL STATES ^{1/} TO PRESENT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE THEIR PROPOSALS FOR THE CODE OF CONDUCT TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP, THROUGH THE INFORMATION AND RESEARCH CENTRE ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS. A DEADLINE SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS SIXTY-FIRST SESSION FOR THIS PURPOSE, AS WELL AS THE DATES FOR THE MEETINGS OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP AND FOR THE THIRD SESSION OF THE COMMISSION.

^{1/} IT IS THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, IN DISCHARGING HIS FUNCTIONS UNDER PARAGRAPH 9, WILL FOLLOW THE PRACTICE

OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN IMPLEMENTING AN "ALL STATES" CLAUSE AND, IN ALL CASES WHEN IT IS ADVISABLE, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WILL REQUEST THE OPINION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BEFORE TAKING APPROPRIATE DECISIONS.

10. THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL SHOULD REQUEST THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AND THE INFORMATION AND RESEARCH CENTRE ON TRANS-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS TO ASSIST REGIONAL GROUPS OF THE COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS, UPON REQUEST, IN A MANNER THEY CONSIDER APPROPRIATE, TO CONVENE REGIONAL MEETINGS IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE IDENTIFICATION OF AREAS OF CONCERN AND PREPARE PROPOSALS FOR THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

11. THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP SHOULD MEET IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS AND WOULD PREPARE AN ANNOTATED OUTLINE OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS AT ITS THIRD SESSION.

12. AT ITS THIRD SESSION, THE COMMISSION SHOULD REVIEW THE REPORT OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP, INCLUDING THE ANNOTATED OUTLINE OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT, AND WOULD GIVE GUIDANCE TO THE WORKING GROUP FOR ITS FUTURE WORK WITH A VIEW TO FINALIZING A DRAFT CODE OF CONDUCT TO BE CONSIDERED AT ITS FOURTH SESSION.
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13. THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP WOULD BE ENABLED TO OBTAIN THE VIEWS OF EXPERTS ON AN AD HOC BASIS TO ASSIST IT IN ITS WORK.

14. THE INFORMATION AND RESEARCH CENTRE ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS WOULD GIVE ITS FULL SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP IN ITS WORK. IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE AND FACILITATE THE WORK OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP, THE INFORMATION AND RESEARCH CENTRE ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS SHOULD UNDERTAKE THE FOLLOWING WORK:

(I) INCORPORATE INTO A SINGLE DOCUMENT PROPOSALS RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 9 ABOVE;

(II) PREPARE AN ACTION-ORIENTED PAPER ON ALL ISSUES INVOLVED, INCLUDING CORRUPT PRACTICES OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS IN THE LIGHT OF THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO ALL STATES BY JULY 1976;

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(III) PREPARE A SEPARATE PAPER CONTAINING THE VIEWS OF THE NON-GOVERNMENT INTERESTS, PARTICULARLY TRADE UNIONS AND BUSINESS GROUPS;

(IV) COLLECT, ANALYSE AND MAKE AVAILABLE MATERIAL RELEVANT TO THE FORMULATION OF A CODE OF CONDUCT.

15. THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE RELATED WORK BEING UNDERTAKEN BY UNITED NATIONS BODIES, IN PARTICULAR THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, REGARDING TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, RESTRICTIVE TRADE PRACTICES, ETC., IN CARRYING OUT ITS WORK. IT SHOULD ALSO BEAR IN MIND THE RELATED WORK UNDERTAKEN BY THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, OAS AND OECD.

(B) ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION SYSTEM

16. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION SYSTEM MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES:

(I) TO FURTHER UNDERSTANDING OF THE NATURE AND THE POLITICAL, LEGAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL EFFECTS OF THE ACTIVITIES OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS IN HOME COUNTRIES AND HOST COUNTRIES AND IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY BETWEEN DEVELOPED

AND DEVELOPING NATIONS;

(II) TO STRENGTHEN THE NEGOTIATING CAPACITY OF HOST COUNTRIES, IN PARTICULAR OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IN THEIR DEALINGS WITH TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

17. THE SURVEY OF INFORMATION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS SHOULD BE CONTINUOUSLY UPDATED AND HARMONIZED BY THE CENTRE.

18. A DIRECTORY ON TYPES AND SOURCES OF INFORMATION SHOULD BE ISSUED PERIODICALLY BY THE CENTRE.

19. THE CENTRE SHOULD COLLECT BASIC INFORMATION ON THE AREAS SET OUT IN DOCUMENT E/C.10/11.

20. FOR THESE PURPOSES, THE CENTRE WOULD REQUIRE AT THE EARLIEST COMPUTER AND OTHER FACILITIES. THE COMMISSION THEREFORE RECOMMENDS UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT ADEQUATE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE TO ENABLE THE CENTRE TO AVAIL ITSELF OF THESE FACILITIES.

21. IN UNDERTAKING THE ABOVE TASKS, THE CENTRE SHOULD ASSIGN SPECIAL URGENCY TO THE PREPARATION OF PROFILES ON MAJOR TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS OPERATING IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS WELL AS TO COLLECTION OF DATA ON CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS BETWEEN TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND LOCAL ENTERPRISES.

22. IN THE INITIAL PERIOD OF ITS OPERATION, THE CENTRE SHOULD CONCENTRATE ITS EFFORTS IN TWO DIRECTIONS:

(A) DEVELOPMENT OF A CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM OF INFORMATION RELEVANT TO CONCERNS OF GOVERNMENTS IN PARTICULAR, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THOSE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

(B) COLLECTION OF INFORMATION OF A GENERAL OR SPECIFIC NATURE AT THE AGGREGATE AND ENTERPRISE LEVELS COUNTRYWISE ON THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY AREAS, WHERE INFORMATION GAPS ARE MOST PRESSING:

(I) TRANSFER PRICING, INCLUDING TAXATION;

(II) SHORT-TERM CAPITAL MOVEMENTS BY TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS;

(III) RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES (OTHER THAN THOSE ALREADY COVERED BY THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT;

(IV) CORPORATE OWNERSHIP AND ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF BUSINESS PARTICIPATION;

(V) MARKET CONCENTRATION BOTH AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS,
AS WELL AS MECHANISMS USED TO ACHIEVE SUCH CONCENTRATION
INCLUDING ACQUISITION OF PARTICIPATION AND MERGER;

(VI) RELATIVE USE BY TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS OF HOME,
INTERNATIONAL AND HOST COUNTRY'S FINANCIAL MARKETS IN THEIR
OPERATIONS AND INVESTMENTS;

(VII) ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL;
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(VIII) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS;

(IX) SOCIAL IMPACT OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS;

(X) CORRUPT PRACTICES OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS;

(XI) IMPACT OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS ON FREEDOM OF LABOUR
ORGANIZATIONS, TRADE UNION RIGHTS, LABOR STANDARDS AND WORKING
CONDITIONS;

(XII) TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND ITS COST IMPLICATIONS;

(XIII) CONTRIBUTION BY TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS TO THE RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

23. THE INFORMATION SHOULD BE OBTAINED IN THE FIRST INSTANCE FROM
RELEVANT BODIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM WHEREEVER AVAILABLE.
WHENEVER THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM AS SUCH IS NOT ITSELF COLLECTING
ANY OF THE INFORMATION, THE CENTRE SHOULD COLLECT IT DIRECTLY
FROM THE APPROPRIATE SOURCES.

24. IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE INFORMATION SYSTEM SHOULD BE AS
COMPREHENSIVE AS POSSIBLE, THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL SHOULD
INVITE ALL STATES TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE INFORMATION AND RESEARCH
CENTRE ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS IN ITS TASK OF COLLECTING
INFORMATION AND TO EXAMINE THE ADEQUACY OF THEIR DOMESTIC LEGIS-
LATIVE AND REGULATOR POWERS TO OBTAIN AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO
THE CENTRE RELEVANT INFORMATION FROM TRANSNATIONAL CORPORA-
TIONS ABOUT THEIR OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES.

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(C) RESEARCH ON THE POLITICAL, LEGAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL EFFECTS
OF THE OPERATIONS AND PRACTICES OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

25. IN VIEW OF THE INTERRELATIONSHIP OF POLITICAL, ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL EFFECTS OF THE OPERATIONS AND PRACTICES OF TRANS-
NATIONAL CORPORATIONS, THE COMMISSION DECIDES THAT AN INTEGRATED
STUDY SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE CENTRE ON A PRIORITY STUDY BASIS
AS A SEQUEL TO THE STUDY ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS
PUBLISHED IN 1973 (ST/ECA/190). IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS
STUDY, THE CENTRE SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT GENERAL ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTIONS 3202 (S-VI) AND 3281 (XXIX) AND DRAW UPON SPECIAL
CASE STUDIES ON SPECIFIC CORPORATIONS INCLUDING COMPANIES
OR AGENCIES, CARRIED OUT BY OTHER UNITS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS
SYSTEM.

26. THE COMMISSION, IN CONFORMITY WITH OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 6
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OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3514 (XXX) OF 15 DECEMBER 1975
DECIDES THAT THE CENTRE SHOULD UNDERTAKE STUDIES ON CORRUPT

PRACTICES OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS, WITH A VIEW TO ASSISTING THE COMMISSION IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS ON WAYS AND MEANS WHEREBY CORRUPT PRACTICES CAN BE EFFECTIVELY PREVENTED.

27. THE CENTRE SHOULD CARRY ON A CONTINUING REVIEW OF EXISTING AND ONGOING RESEARCH ON THE ACTIVITIES OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS. THE BIBLIOGRAPHY (E/C.10/12 AND ADD. 1) PREPARED BY THE CENTRE SHOULD BE ANNOTATED.

28. THE CENTRE SHOULD CARRY OUT IN-DEPTH STUDIES ON THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC SUBJECTS WITHIN THE BROAD RAMIFICATIONS:

(I) STUDY ON THE IMPACT OF ACTIVITIES OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS ON THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

(II) WORK ON SERVICE SECTOR INCLUDING BANKING, INSURANCE, SHIPPING AND TOURISM;

(III) CASE STUDIES OF EXTRACTIVE, FOOD AND PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES;

(IV) OBSTACLES TO STRENGTHENING THE NEGOTIATING CAPACITY OF GOVERNMENTS IN THEIR RELATIONS WITH TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS;

(V) LESSONS TO BE OBTAINED FROM NATIONAL AND REGIONAL LEGISLATION, MECHANISMS AND ARRANGMENTS THAT HAD PERMITTED THE STRENGTHENING OF THE NEGOTIATING CAPACITY OF GOVERNMENTS IN THEIR RELATIONS WITH TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS;

(VI) A STUDY OF THE MEASURES ADOPTED BY HOST COUNTRIES TO STRENGTHEN THE COMPETITIVE POSITION OF NATIONAL ENTERPRISES VIS-A-VIS TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

(D) TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION

29. THE COMMISSION ATTACHES CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO THE PROGRAMME OF

TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPHS 5 TO 21
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AS WELL AS INFORMATION
AND ADVISORY SERVICES AS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPHS 23 TO 28
OF THE REPORT CONTAINED
IN DOCUMENT E/C.10/13.

30. IN PARTICULAR THE CENTRE, IN CONFORMITY WITH PARAGRAPH 4 (C) OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1914 (LVII) OF 10 DECEMBER 1974, SHOULD SET UP THE TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND ADVISORY SERVICES TO STRENGTHENING THE NEGOTIATING

CAPACITY OF GOVERNMENTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THEIR DEALINGS WITH TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS. FURTHER, THE CENTRE SHOULD MAKE ADEQUATE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS OF THE TYPE ENVISAGED IN PARAGRAPHS 29-32 OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DOCUMENT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. IT IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT EXPERTS WITH KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IN NEGOTIATING WITH TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS, PARTICULARLY THOSE FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, SHOULD BE RECRUITED FOR CONDUCTING TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND ADVISORY SERVICES.

(E) DEFINITION OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

31. THE CENTRE, BEARING IN MIND THE RELATED DISCUSSIONS IN THE COMMISSION, SHOULD COLLECT AVAILABLE DEFINITIONS ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND BACKGROUND WORK THAT IS BEING DONE, INTER ALIA, BY THE ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT, OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ACADEMIC CENTRES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

32. WHILE SUCH WORK WAS BEING CONDUCTED, THE CENTRE SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON IDENTIFYING, ACCORDING TO VARIOUS CRITERIA, THE COMMON CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS WHICH PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE INTERNATIONALIZATION OF THE WORLD

ECONOMY, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO SUCH DEFINITION AS MIGHT EVENTUALLY BE PROPOSED. SUCH A STUDY SHOULD COVER AT LEAST THE FIVE LEADING TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS IN EACH INDUSTRIAL SECTOR.

C. MODALITIES

33. THE COMMISSION, IN ADDITION TO THE DECISION CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPHS 13 AND 14 (III) OF THIS PROGRAMME, DISCUSSED AT LENGTH THE QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION OF PERSONS WITH PROFOUND KNOWLEDGE
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OF ISSUES RELATING TO TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS, AND DECIDED THAT CONSULTATIONS SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL PRIOR TO THE THIRD SESSION OF THE COMMISSION, FOR THE SELECTION OF THOSE PERSONS ENVISAGED IN PARAGRAPH 1 (D) OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1913 (LVII), IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE COMMISSION. THE ISSUE SHOULD BE FURTHER CONSIDERED BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS THIRD SESSION AND THE IGWG, IF NECESSARY, MAY MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMISSION IN THIS BEHALF.
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